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DARK ORIGIN

PREVIOUSLY…

Eddie Brock was a rookie reporter for New York's *Daily Globe* and his star was rising fast – when a man claiming to be the serial killer dubbed the Sin-Eater contacted Eddie to tell his story, it was a one-in-a-million shot at front-page headlines. Hungry for personal success and hoping to prove himself to his wife, Eddie neglected to corroborate the man's allegations rigorously enough – but Eddie was never the most scrupulous guy anyway. He finally revealed the killer's identity in print, and waited for the accolades and awards to roll in.

But the man confessing to Eddie wasn't the killer after all…just an attention-seeker with voices in his head. The day Eddie's story ran, Spider-Man captured the real Sin-Eater in the act. Disgraced as a journalist, Eddie was fired.

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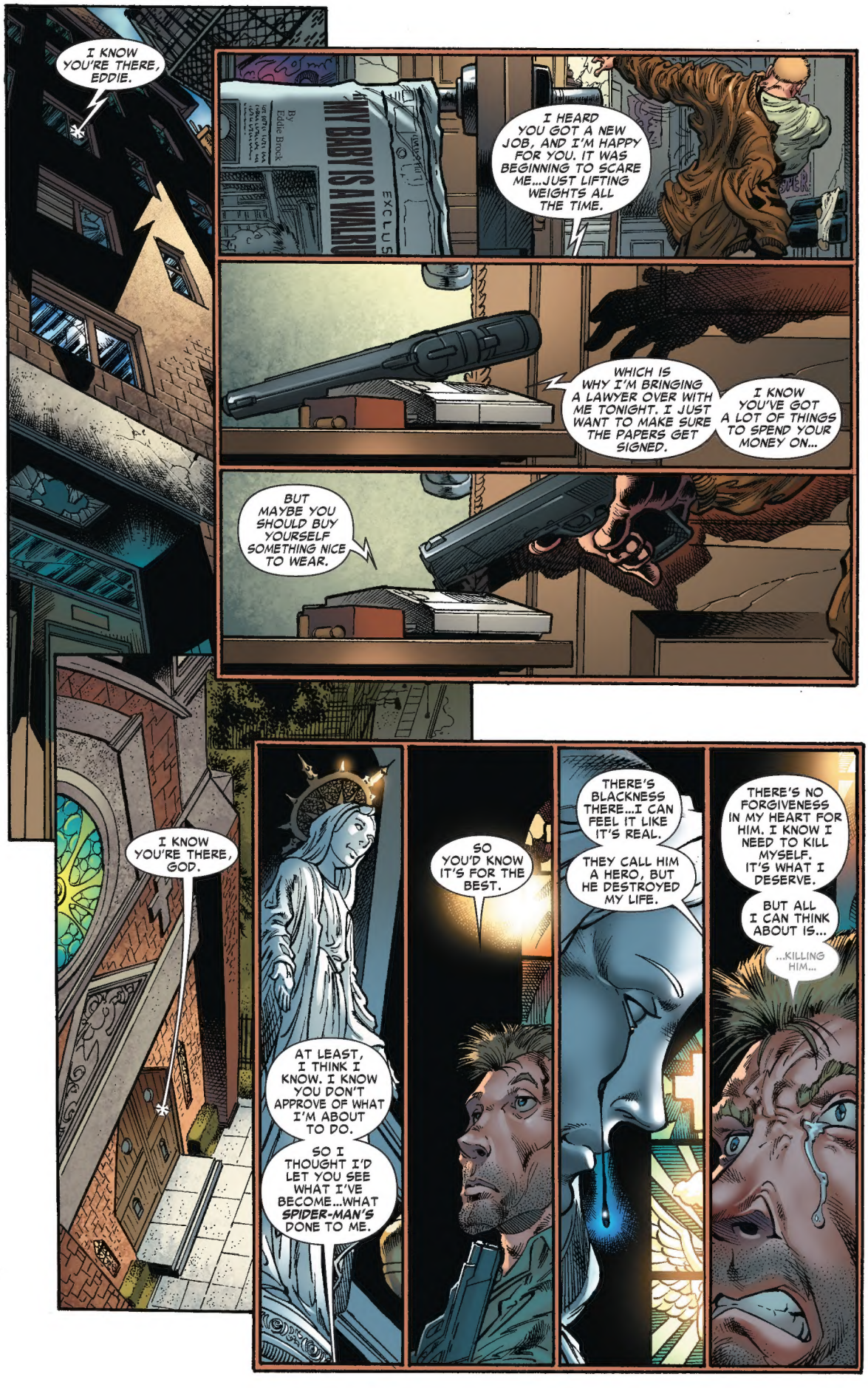

I KNOW YOU'RE THERE, EDDIE.
"MY BABY IS A WALRU
By Eddie Brock
EXCLUS
I HEARD YOU GOT A NEW JOB, AND I'M HAPPY FOR YOU. IT WAS BEGINNING TO SCARE ME...JUST LIFTING WEIGHTS ALL THE TIME.
WHICH IS WHY I'M BRINGING A LAWYER OVER WITH ME TONIGHT. I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THE PAPERS GET SIGNED.
I KNOW YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF THINGS TO SPEND YOUR MONEY ON...
BUT MAYBE YOU SHOULD BUY YOURSELF SOMETHING NICE TO WEAR.
I KNOW YOU'RE THERE, GOD.
AT LEAST, I THINK I KNOW. I KNOW YOU DON'T APPROVE OF WHAT I'M ABOUT TO DO.
SO I THOUGHT I'D LET YOU SEE WHAT I'VE BECOME...WHAT SPIDER-MAN'S DONE TO ME.
SO YOU'D KNOW IT'S FOR THE BEST.
THERE'S BLACKNESS THERE...I CAN FEEL IT LIKE IT'S REAL.
THEY CALL HIM A HERO, BUT HE DESTROYED MY LIFE.
THERE'S NO FORGIVENESS IN MY HEART FOR HIM. I KNOW I NEED TO KILL MYSELF. IT'S WHAT I DESERVE.
BUT ALL I CAN THINK ABOUT IS...
...KILLING HIM...

WHAT...?
TWANG!!
GYARRRGH!
NO!
AHHHHH!

GAK!
EXCUSE ME! KEEP YOUR VOICE DOWN OR I'LL...
...CALL THE POLICE...
AHHHHHHHHHH!

NYAARRRRRRRGHHHH!

N-NO! DON'T TOUCH ME!

GET OUT OF MY HEAD!

I CAN FEEL...

...SPIDER-MAN...?

HNNNNNNN...

...NNNO!

NOOOO!

TRIED TO KILL US...
SPIDER-MAN TRIED TO KILL US...
TRIED TO KILL US BOTH.
FREEZE!
YOU'RE TRESPASSING!
HE'S OUT OF IT.
CAREFUL. HE WAS COVERED IN SOMETHING. IT COULD HAVE BEEN BLOOD.
LOOKS CLEAN TO ME.

OKAY, BUDDY. TIME TO GO.
+GURGLE+
CAN YOU REMEMBER WHAT YOU TOOK?
BLEARRRRGGHH!!
$#%$!
D-DON'T MOVE...

...P-PLEASE?

I-IN THE NAME OF OUR SAVIOR, I COMMAND YOU TO LEAVE THIS PLACE. YOU ARE NOT WELCOME HERE...
BLAM
BLAM BLAM
WHAT IN THE...?

GARY!!
HURK!
FATHER, MOVE!
FATHER SONHOLYGHOST FATHERSONHOLY GHOST--
OFFICER DOWN! REPEAT, OFFICER--
FATHER, GET AWAY FROM THE BUILDING!
PROTECT US IN THESE TIMES OF DARKNESS.

KRRRSSH

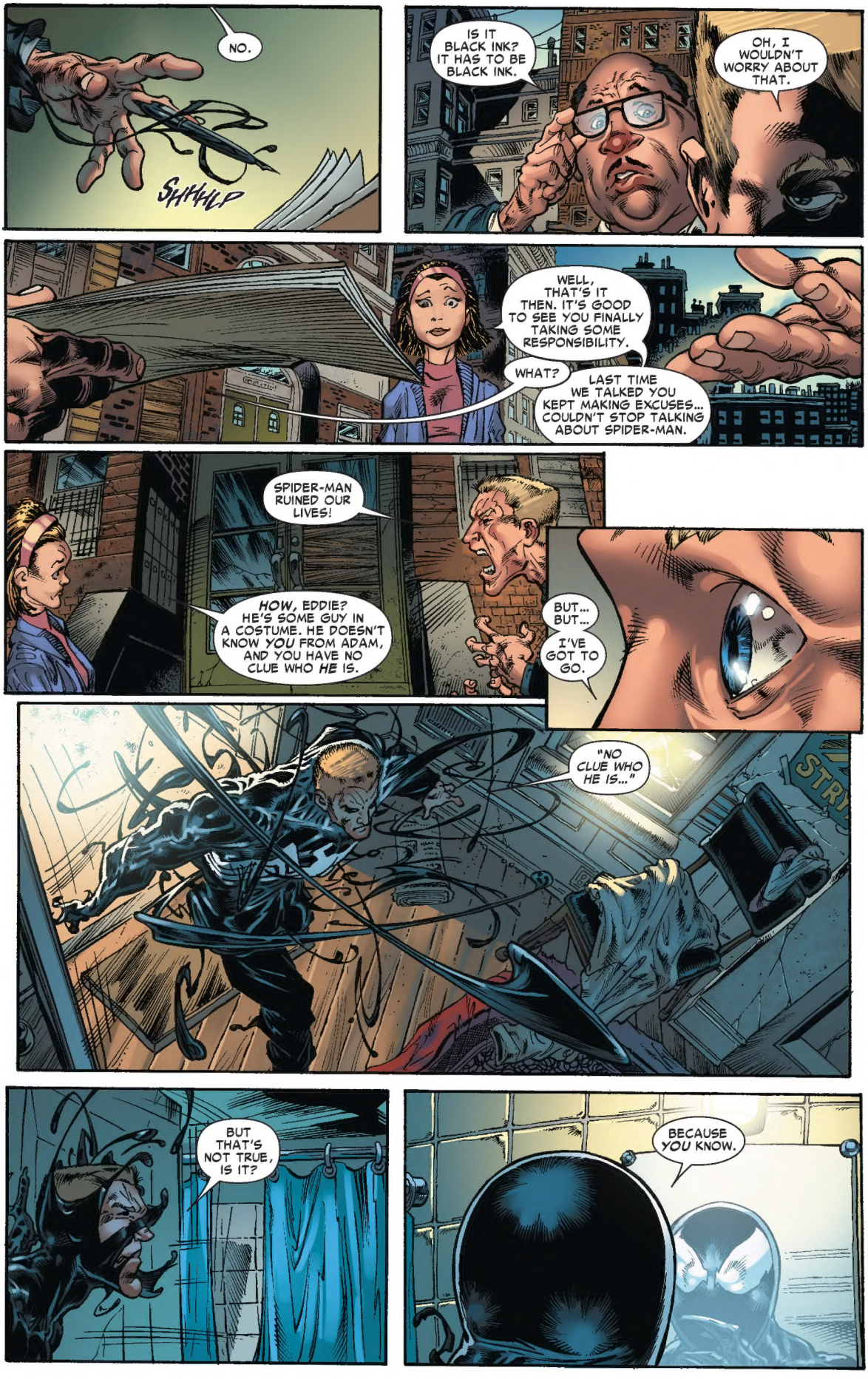
FATHERSON HOLYGHOST FATHERSON--

SCREEEECH!

THEY SAY I'M GUILTY, FATHER. AND I WAS JUST TRYING TO PLEASE THEM.
OH, GOD... GARY!
I WANT YOU TO FORGIVE ME.
F-FOR WHAT...?
FOR THE LIES I HAD TO TELL. FOR THE LIES THEY MADE ME TELL.
AND FOR THAT TOO, PROBABLY.
YOU KILLED HIM, YOU SON OF A--
VROOOOM!

THAT'S THE LAST THING.
I PROMISE.
YOU ARE FORGIVEN. G-GO IN PEACE, M-MY CHILD.
THANK YOU, FATHER.
I'LL DO THAT.
WEEEOOOOO WEEEEOOOOO!
#@#.

SHE'S HERE. I CAN'T LET HER SEE ME--
--LOOKING LIKE A HOMELESS PERSON.
WHA--?
SHK
...YEAH, I CAN HEAR YOU. HEH... YOU'RE RIGHT...
I DON'T NEED HER ANYMORE...
EDDIE?
ANN.
YOU LOOK GREAT...I DIDN'T MEAN FOR YOU TO RUN OUT AND BUY SOMETHING LIKE... THAT.
IT WASN'T A BIG DEAL. REALLY.
NOW, LET'S GET THIS OVER WITH.
IT'S TIME TO MOVE ON.
DO YOU NEED A PEN?


NO.
SHHHLP
IS IT BLACK INK? IT HAS TO BE BLACK INK.
OH, I WOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT THAT.
WELL, THAT'S IT THEN. IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU FINALLY TAKING SOME RESPONSIBILITY.
WHAT?
LAST TIME WE TALKED YOU KEPT MAKING EXCUSES... COULDN'T STOP TALKING ABOUT SPIDER-MAN.
SPIDER-MAN RUINED OUR LIVES!
HOW, EDDIE? HE'S SOME GUY IN A COSTUME. HE DOESN'T KNOW YOU FROM ADAM, AND YOU HAVE NO CLUE WHO HE IS.
BUT... BUT...
I'VE GOT TO GO.
"NO CLUE WHO HE IS..."
BUT THAT'S NOT TRUE, IS IT?
BECAUSE YOU KNOW.

HEH.
HEH. HEH.
HEE.
HEE. HEE.
HA!
HA HA HA!

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